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Applicant: Fabrice Vitry
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Examiner: Matthew E. Rodgers
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a response to a first, non-final Office Action dated May 21, 2003, to which response was due by August 21, 2003. Applicant requests a one-month extension of time to respond pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136. The requisite fee is attached pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17. Kindly amend the above-identified, patent application as follows:

Remarks on Outstanding Office Action:

The present application contains what the applicant has stated as nine embodiments of the invention. The Examiner had previously issued two separate papers on restriction and election of species. At no time was there a request for election of claims to be examined.

Applicant filed two responses regarding election of species, with the first received by the USPTO on November 27, 2002 and the second being Faxed and received by the USPTO on March 26, 2003.

The Examiner has apparently miss-interpreted applicant's March 26 response, because in the outstanding Office Action he has stated and/ or implied that in electing